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Dear Sir:

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UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c)

In compliance with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and § 1.97, Applicants wish to bring the following items to the attention of the Examiner. A copy of the foreign documents is enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

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reflects its relative pertinence. Specifically, this presentation is not an admission that the items listed below are properly citable against the above-identified application.

Submitted herewith is:

- (1) European "Supplemental European Search Report", dated April 25, 2007, for counterpart European Patent Application No. EP 04 72 1655;
- (2) Japanese Published Unexamined Application No. (A) 2002-308125 (NSK LTD) published October 23, 2002;
- (3) Iwano, U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2004/0016590 A1, published January 29, 2004.
- (4) European Application Publication No. 0 666 210 A2 (NSK LTD), published August 9, 1995;
- (5) Ikenaga et al, U.S. Patent No. 4,777,204, issued October 11, 1988;
- (6) Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. (A) 58-077964 (SEIKO EPSON CORP), published May 11, 1983; Together with an English-language abstract thereof;
- (7) Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. (A) 2003-003185 (KYODO YUSHI CO LTD), published January 8, 2003; Together with an English-language abstract thereof;
- (8) Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. (A) 57-137762 (AISIN CHEM CO LTD), published August 25, 1982; Together with an English-language abstract thereof;
- (9) Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. (A) 2002-371290 (NSK LTD), published December 26, 2002; Together with an English-language abstract thereof; and
- (10) Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. (A) 09-194867 (KYODO YUSHI KK), published July 29, 1997; Together with an English-language abstract thereof.

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The above references (2)-(10) are cited in item (1), "Supplemental European Search Report", which indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign office. Document (3) is a counterpart to document (2).

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